

**Council Meeting October 9th 2014 minutes
(CO-20141009)**

Meeting Facilitator: Gretchen King
Minutes Taker: David Clos-Sasseville

Final Agenda :

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 - 3.2 Proof of absence
 - 3.3 Task list and action items
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 - 6.7 Golden Key International Honour Society
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 - 6.10 CCR proposal
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 - 7.5 VP-External
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 - 7.9 Approval of the budget.
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1. Call to Order

The meeting is called to order at 5:00pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion CO-20141009-01

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Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul

Amendment-01

Add 3.2 Proof of absence

Moved by: Eftakhairul

Amendment-02

Add 3.3 Task list and action items

Moved by: Keroles

Amendment-03

Change 6.7 to 5.3

Moved by: Vivek

Amendment-04

6.12 join 6.2

Moved by: Keroles

Amendment-05

Add 7.9 Approval of the budget.

Moved by: Eftakhairul

Amendment-06

6.11 becomes 3.4

Moved by: Keroles

Include all the amendment in the vote

Motion (CO-20141009-01) as Amended

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Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul
Unanimous

3. Council Business

3.1 Chair's report

Motion CO-20141009-02

Partial attendance to a council retreat results in receiving a partial honorarium.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Eftakhairul
Motion fails

3.2 Proof of absence

Motion CO-20141009-03

If a councillor misses more than two meetings they must provide proof of their excuses for any additional absences.

Moved by: Eftakhairul
Seconded by: Jonathan

Amendment

Add: “that results in not meeting quorum”

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Korosh
Adopted

Motion (CO-20141009-03) as Amended

If a councillor misses more than two meetings they must provide proof of their excuses for any additional absences that results in not meeting quorum.

Moved by: Eftakhairul
Seconded by: Jonathan
Adopted

3.3 Task list and action items

Motion CO-20141009-04

That an action item list be created from council minutes and followed up on under council business at each meeting.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Jonathan
Adopted

Action Item: Gretchen will implement the action list.

3.4 Recording Votes

Motion CO-20141009-05

Be It Resolved That minority votes on council motions are to be recoded in council minutes all the time and not just when the councillor asks for it to be recorded.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sean
Fails

4. Approval of Minutes from Sept 11 Council meeting

Motion CO-20141009-06

Be It Resolved that both September 11th meeting minutes be approved.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Harkirat
Adopted

--- The 5.2 Item has been moved to be dealt now ----

5.2 Accreditation Update

--- Back to the agenda---

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 General Assembly Agenda

Motion CO-20141009-07

Be It Resolved That the agenda for next GA be:

1. Call to Order
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3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of the past GA minutes
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 - 5.1 President
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Moved by the GA Committee

Amendment-01

BIRT an Item 5.2.2 Council Honorarium be added.

BIFRT Sean will provide motions.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Jonathan
Abstention noted: Keroles
Adopted

Amendment-02

BIRT an Item 8.1 Discussion on the IP policy be added

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Korosh
Withdrawn by the mover and the seconder

Amendment-03

BIRT an Item 6.3 Endorsing the Student Against the Pipelines (ECO) be added.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Korosh
Adopted Unanimously

Motion (*CO-20141009-07*) as Amended

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Moved by the GA Committee

Motion to table motion CO-20141009-07

To table the agenda and go straight to 6.8

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Sindhura

--- The 6.8 Item has been moved to be dealt now ---

6.8 Board of Governors - Call for Resignation

Motion CO-20141009-08

Whereas the Concordia Board of Governors Graduate student representative is an integral position that allows the organization to participate in the highest decision-making body at the University;

Whereas the acclaimed candidate from the 2014 General Elections, Firas Al Hammoud, has been erratic in attendance of Board of Governors meetings. He also has not communicated with the Executive or Council and has steadfastly refused to respond to repeated requests to inform members on matters relevant to their academic progress, including pending budget cuts.

Be It Resolved That the Council formally asks for the resignation of Firas Al Hammoud who is not fulfilling his obligation to represent and inform graduate students. Mr Al Hammoud shall have five business days to respond to this resignation, if there is no communication at this point the position shall be considered vacant and elections shall proceed forthwith with candidates to present themselves at the October 23 2014 General Assembly and members to select a new representative.

Moved by: Sean

Seconded by: Laura

Amendment-01

Remove the following:

“who is not fulfilling his obligation to represent and inform graduate students. Mr Al Hammoud shall have five business days to respond to this resignation, if there

is no communication at this point the position shall be considered vacant and elections shall proceed forthwith with candidates to present themselves at the October 23 2014 General Assembly and members to select a new representative.”

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sean
For: 2, Against 0, Abstention 5
Approval noted: Keroles
Abstention noted: Jonathan
Adopted

Motion (CO-20141009-08) as Amended

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Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Laura

Roll Call is asked - Approved

For: Keroles, Sean
Against: Harkirat, Korosh, Vivek
Abstention: Jonathan, Laura
Motion Fails

Motion CO-20141009-09

Be It Resolved That the Council censure Firas Al Hammoud for failing to report to GSA Executive.

Moved by: Korosh
Seconded by: Jonathan
Roll Call is asked – Failed
Abstention noted: Keroles
Motion Adopted

Motion CO-20141009-10

BIRT the Council commit the BOG representative, their independence, who should fulfill this role to the By-law committee.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sean
Adopted Unanimously

--- Back to 5.1 ---

Motion (CO-20141009-07) as Amended

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Moved by the GA Committee
Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20141009-11

Be It Resolved That the Council approve the date of October 23rd for the next GA.

Moved by: Laura
Seconded by: Harkirat
Abstention noted: Jonathan, Keroles, Korosh
Adopted

---5.2 Accreditation Update, dealt after Item 4 ---

5.3 Executive Bursary Policy

Motion CO-20141009-12

Be It Resolved That the Council reconsider the question of the raise of the executive Bursary that was sent to the GA.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Vivek

Adopted by a two-third majority

Motion CO-20141009-13

Whereas the executives cannot commit to the other jobs they face monetary problems for their survival;

Whereas as per the hierarchy of GSA, the council is mandated to do the needful changes in the bursary of executives as it can be seen in the history of GSA;

Whereas no increment or inflation adjustments have been made to the money allotted to executive in the last five years;

Whereas Projected salaries approved by previous Council and GA including two new position was **\$58500** annually, the new accepted Policy suggests to call payments as bursary (i.e. Direct payment through checks not from university pay roll);

Whereas for year 2014-2015 the new **actual** Executive proposal as bursary (i.e. considering payments for VP-Academic, VP-Mobilization for 8 months and others for 12 months) the annual sum of salaries of all executives will be **\$57200** which is less than the budget approved last year i.e. **\$58500**;

Whereas for future years if the new Executive proposal as bursary is accepted the sum of annual salaries of all executives will be **\$66000**. Therefore a raise of **\$7500** will be done in total i.e. (\$66000-\$58500). This raise will not impact a lot on the budget in the coming years;

Be It Resolved That the bursary for executives be set at \$1100 per month

Be It Further Resolved That the 'Executive Bursary Policy' be adjusted accordingly by changing article 4B for the following:

1. The bursaries are to be allocated by semester. The amounts for each semester represent an amount of 1100\$ per month which goes as follows:

Summer Semester (June to August): 3300\$

Fall Semester (September to December): 4400\$

Winter Semester (January to May): 5500\$

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Vivek
Abstention noted: Jonathan, Korosh
Adopted

6. New Business

6.1 Increased representation for marginalized groups

Note: Council will wait for Marilou to be present to address this question.

--- The 7.7 Item has been moved to be dealt now---

7.7 Academic and Advocacy Affairs

--- Back on 6.2---

6.2 Bylaw change

Motion CO-20141009-14

Whereas the GSA acknowledges that the Council of Directors is subordinate to the General Assembly;

Whereas the GSA recognizes that the composition of the Council of Directors must reflect that of its membership, but that larger faculties should be prevented from dominating the Council and that smaller faculties should be afforded a greater voice, in order to encourage the participation of members from those faculties;

Whereas the GSA, recently and in the past, has had some difficulty filling all the seats on its Council of Directors and achieving quorum at Council meetings, which reflects poorly on the association and hinders its ability to serve its members;

Whereas a smaller Council will run more effectively and efficiently, and be able to provide a closer oversight of the work of the Executives and Staff, although there must remain enough Directors to adequately represent the GSA membership;

Whereas the number of students in each faculty has shifted in the past few years, while the number of Council seats designated for each faculty has remained the same;

Be It Resolved That Article V, Section 5 of the Bylaws be amended prior to the 2015 general election to state that –

The allotted seats shall be distributed on a basis of proportional representation according to the following formula:

1-500 students, 1 Director;

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and so on (where currently it says “set at one (1) Director for every 300 students”);

Be It Further Resolved That all clauses in the Bylaws that require four (4) Directors from different faculties be amended to three (3) Directors from different faculties, considering the smaller overall number of Directors;

Be It Further Resolved That the 2015 GSA Council of Directors respect this new formula and be composed of 4 ENCS Directors, 3 Arts & Science Directors, 2 JMSB Directors, 2 Fine Arts Directors, and 1 SIP/Interdisciplinary Director (for a total of 12 Directors).

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Korosh

Motion CO-20141009-15

Be It Resolved That the motion be committed to the by-law Committee

Moved by: Korosh
Seconded by: Harkirat
Failed

Motion CO-20141009-16

Be It Resolved That the motion *Motion CO-20141009-14* be tabled.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sean
Adopted

Motion CO-20141009-17

Be It Resolved That the BoG by-law change be tabled.

Moved by: Harkirat
Seconded by: Keroles
Adopted

6.3 Connecting with Faculties

Motion CO-20141009-18

Be It Resolved That 6.3 Connecting with Faculty be tabled.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Korosh
Adopted

6.4 Announcement of committee meetings

Motion CO-20141009-19

Whereas it is necessary to encourage and facilitate participation in committee meetings;

Be It Resolved That the chair of each committee announce to committee members the date and time of each meeting at least 3 days in advance;

Be It Further Resolved That committee meetings be rescheduled when requested by a majority of the committee members;

Be It Further Resolved That committee meetings that are open to the GSA membership at large be announced publicly by the Communications Director, where possible, through Facebook, the website, and the newsletter.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Keroles

Amendment

To add:

“Be It Further Resolved That council mandates all the committees, on having a meeting, to submit there meeting minutes as soon as possible.

Be It Further Resolved That A common Google drive account be made and shared among all the council members, to have access to all the ongoing committee endeavors as well as previous meeting minutes”

Be It Further Resolved That that the third clause includes Twitter.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Laura
Adopted

Motion (*CO-20141009-19*) as Amended

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Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Keroles
Adopted

6.5 Department of Education move to the Faubourg

Motion CO-20141009-20

Whereas the university administration and Department of Education have announced their intention to move the department, one of the university's largest, to the Faubourg building in the spring of 2015, without consulting students;

Whereas the Department of Education Interdisciplinary Graduate Students' Association (DOEIGSA) has passed a motion opposing the move, as well as conducting a survey revealing that a majority of students feel they have not been adequately informed;

Whereas renovating the Faubourg to accommodate the Department of Education will require a significant amount of money and effort, and will impact the university experience of students for many years to come;

Whereas students have been systematically excluded from all aspects of the decision-making process regarding the move;

Be It Resolved That the GSA support DOEIGSA's demand to be given an equal voice in the decision-making process regarding the Department of Education's move to the Faubourg building, including full participation in the DESC Space Committee;

Be It Further Resolved That the Department Manager and GSA President monitor the situation and ensure that the Faubourg building is renovated to meet students' needs

(including appropriate space for student association offices, graduate research labs, and the Friedman Resource Centre).

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Sean
Adopted

6.6 GradPro Skills

Motion CO-20140911-21

Be It Resolved That the GSA Council approve paying \$500 for the guest speaker for Workshop #2-4: All-day training/meeting for 'Active Associations' on October 31st.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Keroles

Amendment

Be It Resolved That Replace "approve" by "negotiate" and add "and the cost for French classes".

Be It Further Resolved That remove "#2-4: All-day training/meeting for 'Active Associations' on October 31st."

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Laura
Adopted

Motion (CO-20140911-21) as Amended

Be It Resolved That the GSA Council approve paying \$500 for the guest speaker and the cost for French classes for Workshop.

Moved by: Sean
Seconded by: Keroles
Failed

6.7 Golden Key International Honour Society

Motion CO-20141009-22

Be It Resolved That 6.7 be tabled.

Moved by: Korosh
Seconded by: Keroles
Adopted

---6.8 Board of Governors - Call for Resignation has been dealt after---

6.9 GSA Twitter

Motion CO-20141009-23

Be It Resolved That 6.9 be tabled.

Moved by: Sean

Seconded by: Vivek

Opposition noted: Keroles

Adopted

6.10 CCR proposal

Motion CO-20141009-24

Whereas the council has expressed support to the CCR initiative and has been given a sufficient period to provide feedback;

Whereas SGS feedback was fairly positive as well as the dean of students';

Whereas to ensure that things continue moving and ensure that the coding requirement is a priority particularly given the opportunity of the fact that the university is implementing a new information system.

Be It Resolved That council approves the attached CCR proposal and commits to its funding policy implications should a collaboration between the different parties is established;

Be It Further Resolved That communication manager reviews the attached memo of support for errors and ensures that all relevant parties are cc-ed;

Be It Further Resolved That council mandates the GSA president to issue the attached memo of support and send it to the mentioned relevant parties.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: Korosh

Adopted Unanimously

7. Reports

Motion CO-20141009-25

To mandate the Chair to follow up with Roxanna on presenting updates to council on the requests made at the retreat.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Sean
Adopted Unanimously

Motion CO-20141009-26

That all the reports be adopted together, with the exception of the budget committee reported.

The bursary be allocated to all the execs.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by: Laura
Adopted Unanimously

7.1 Campaigns/Departments Advocate

7.2 Advocacy Manager

7.3 Finance Manager

7.4 VP-Mobilization

7.5 VP-External

7.6 VP Internal

---7.7 Academic and Advocacy Affairs ---

7.8 Bylaw committee update

7.09 Budget Committee

Motion CO-20141009-27

Be It Resolved That Item 7.09 be tabled

Moved by: Korosh
Seconded by: Laura
Adopted Unanimously

8. GSA Committee Appointments

9. Other Business

Next meeting in October before the GA. Gretchen will make a doodle.

10. Adjournment

Motion CO-20141009-28
Adjournment at 8:56

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by: Laura
Adopted Unanimously

6.1 Increased representation for marginalized groups (Marilou)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas the GSA is committed to securing equity for members of marginalized groups disproportionately excluded from full participation in the academy, in the university bodies, in the GSA board of Governors, in the GSA internal committee and the GSA staff;

Whereas the GSA recognized that such marginalized group include but are not limited to Aboriginal people, women, visible minorities, person whose first language is neither English or French, person with disabilities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer and 2-spirited persons, Francophones at Concordia University;

Whereas the GSA is supporting the goal of equity which is to achieve inclusiveness and social and economic justice through recognition, respect, numerical representation, accountability, responsibility and the development of balanced, healthy and harmonious working and social environments;

Be It Resolved That the GSA will collaborate with other equity groups and offices on campus to achieve the goal of equity;

Be It Further Resolved That the GSA will organize a Special Council Retreat on Equity and Diversity to be held in January 2015 and that the Council will invite all GSA members, equity groups and offices on campus to participate to the retreat;

Be It Further Resolved That GSA Bylaws committee will revise and create new bylaws according to the propositions that are going to be voted during the Equity and Diversity Special Retreat General Assembly;

Be It Further Resolved That the Equity Special Retreat is accountable to the Event Budget and that the Budget committee will allocate found no later than November 28th 2014.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

6.2 Bylaw change: Composition of the Council of Directors (Jon)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

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Moved by: Jonathan

Seconded by:

6.3 Connecting with Faculties (Jon)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas graduate students in Arts & Science and Fine Arts are not currently represented by faculty associations, and are dramatically underrepresented on Council;

Whereas the GSA wishes to support and empower the smaller departmental associations that represent students in Arts & Science and Fine Arts;

Whereas the GSA seeks increased dialogue and closer collaboration with and between the departmental associations, which will ultimately lead to their improved representation and participation in the GSA;

Be It Resolved That the VP Mobilization and Departments Manager organize a GSA Arts & Science Congress and Fine Arts Congress in collaboration with Directors from each of these faculties;

Be It Further Resolved That the Congress bring together elected representatives from all departmental associations within a faculty, with each association receiving one vote;

Be It Further Resolved That motions passed at the Congress be non-binding on the GSA, but that Directors from the respective faculties be obligated to attend and use these motions to orient their work on Council;

Be It Further Resolved That a Congress be held for each faculty at least once during the Fall semester and once during the Winter semester, and at least 14 days before or after any General Assembly.

Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by:

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Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by:

6.6 GradPro Skills (VP Internal)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Be It Resolved That the GSA Council approve paying \$500 for the guest speaker for Workshop #2-4: All-day training/meeting for 'Active Associations' on October 31st.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

6.7 Executive Bursary Policy (VP Internal)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

WHEREAS the executives cannot commit to the other jobs they face monetary problems for their survival ;

WHEREAS as per the hierarchy of GSA, the council is mandated to do the needful changes in the bursary of executives as it can be seen in the history of GSA ;

WHEREAS no increment or inflation adjustments have been made to the money allotted to executive in the last five years ;

WHEREAS Projected salaries approved by previous Council and GA including two new position was **\$58500** annually, the new accepted Policy suggests to call payments as bursary (i.e. Direct payment through checks not from university pay roll) ;

WHEREAS for year 2014-2015 the new **actual** Executive proposal as bursary (i.e. considering payments for VP-Academic, VP-Mobilization for 8 months and others for 12 months) the annual sum of salaries of all executives will be **\$57200** which is less than the budget approved last year i.e. **\$58500** ;

WHEREAS for future years if the new Executive proposal as bursary is accepted the sum of annual salaries of all executives will be **\$66000**. Therefore a raise of **\$7500** will be done in total i.e. (\$66000-\$58500). This raise will not impact a lot on the budget in the coming years ;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the bursary for executives be set at \$1100 per month

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 'Executive Bursary Policy' be adjusted accordingly by changing article 4B for the following:

1. The bursaries are to be allocated by semester. The amounts for each semester represent an amount of 1100\$ per month which goes as follows:

Summer Semester (June to August): 3300\$
Fall Semester (September to December): 4400\$
Winter Semester (January to May): 5500\$

Moved by:
Seconded by:

6.8 Golden Key International Honour Society (Jon)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas many students have received an invitation to pay \$90 to join the Golden Key International Honour Society, in an envelope from the Dean of Students' Office;

Whereas the Dean of Students has reported that invitations to this supposedly exclusive society have been sent to as many as 2344 graduate students this year;

Whereas the Dean of Students has also reported that the mail-out is not handled by his office but by a third party;

Whereas GSA members have expressed concern about the legitimacy of this society, as well as about their privacy and the confidentiality of their personal information;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GSA request that the university stop distributing students' personal information to outside parties without their explicit consent;
Academic/Advocacy and Advocacy Manager follow up to ensure a prompt resolution to this issue.

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Moved by: Jonathan
Seconded by:

6.9 Board of Governors - Call for Resignation (President)

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas the Concordia Board of Governors Graduate student representative is an integral position that allows the organization to participate in the highest decision-making body at the University;

Whereas the acclaimed candidate from the 2014 General Elections, Firas Al Hammoud, has been erratic in attendance of Board of Governors meetings. He also has not communicated with the Executive or Council and has steadfastly refused to respond to repeated requests to inform members on matters relevant to their academic progress, including pending budget cuts.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council formally asks for the resignation of Firas Al Hammoud who is not fulfilling his obligation to represent and inform graduate students. Mr Al Hammoud shall have five business days to respond to this resignation, if there is no communication at this point the position shall be considered vacant and elections shall proceed forthwith with candidates to present themselves at the October 23 2014 General Assembly and members to select a new representative.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

6.10 GSA Twitter

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas transparency, engagement and accountability are high priorities in GSA;

Be It Resolved That the communication manager hours be increased by 5 hours a month to manage the GSA official twitter account according to the following strategy.

- 1) Aim for 1 or 2 tweets a day. (Acknowledging that 2 tweets could be rare)
- 2) Ensure that councilors active on twitter about GSA have some more exposure by retweeting GSA related posts (obviously councilors should tweet mentioning the GSA official account to get that exposure more efficiently than asking the communication manager to fetch)
- 3) Posting policy and principles have to follow the principles of facebook use (in terms of politeness... etc)
- 4) Council to be live tweeted. Motions, motives for and against (and who said what= accountability) and humor.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by:

6.11 Recording Votes

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Be It Resolved That minority votes on council motions are to be recoded in council minutes all the time and not just when the councillor asks for it to be recorded.

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by:

6.12 BYLAW CHANGE: BoG reporting

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas the bylaws committee has met and approved the following bylaws changes;

Be It Resolved That section IX.1.6 is amended by shifting the responsibility for BOG report to BOG rep

Moved by: Keroles
Seconded by:

6.13 CCR proposal

Motion CO-20140911-XX

Whereas the council has expressed support to the CCR initiative and has been given a sufficient period to provide feedback;

Whereas SGS feedback was fairly positive as well as the dean of students’;

Whereas to ensure that things continue moving and ensure that the coding requirement is a priority particularly given the opportunity of the fact that the university is implementing a new information system.

Be It Resolved That council approves the attached CCR proposal and commits to its funding policy implications should a collaboration between the different parties is established;

Be It Further Resolved That communication manager reviews the attached memo of support for errors and ensures that all relevant parties are cc-ed;

Be It Further Resolved That council mandates the GSA president to issue the attached memo of support and send it to the mentioned relevant parties.

Moved by: Keroles

Seconded by: